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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2003, Applicants submit the following:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A method for preparing trisubstituted olefins comprising:
- 2 contacting a geminal disubstituted olefin with a terminal olefin in the presence of a metal
- 3 carbene metathesis catalyst to generate a trisubstituted olefin in an intermolecular olefin
- 4 <u>cross-metathesis reaction</u>.
- 1 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the catalyst is of the formula:

or

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wherein:

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